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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL  
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Applicant: Woo, et al. Examiner: Thomas Sweet  
Serial No.: 10/004504 Group Art Unit: 3738  
Filed: October 26, 2001 Docket No.: 01610.0102-US-01  
Title: VALVED PROSTHESIS WITH POROUS SUBSTRATE

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1. This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the  
above-identified application.

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2. The following are submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

a. ☐ Previously Submitted

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Amendment/Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on  
Appeal Brief previously filed on  
Reply Brief previously filed on  
Other

b. ☒ Enclosed

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Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination  
Under 37 CFR § 1.114  
Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
Information Disclosure Statement  
Petition for Further Extension of Time  
Other: Fee Calculation Worksheet

3. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37  
C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months.

b. ☐ Other:

## 4. Fees

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b. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account number 50-1038. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

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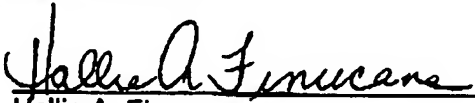
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Respectfully submitted,

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